

## The Times' Daily Short Story.

### A BIRTHDAY GIFT

(Original.)

The Count de Bonneville was sitting one morning at the breakfast table in his chateau near Paris. The count was a widower, and the opposite end of the table was occupied by his daughter Lizette, fifteen years old. There was a commotion without, and the butler announced that a poacher had been caught the night before and had been brought to the chateau. The count gave an order that the offender should be brought to him, and a young man of perhaps twenty was led in by the gamekeeper, backed by a gardener and a stable boy. The count questioned both the poacher and his accusers, and since he had been caught redhanded directed that he be taken to jail.

"Paper," said Lizette, "I have a favor to ask. Tomorrow is my birthday and you gave me the selection of my gift. I ask the forgiveness of this man."

The count, who had no wish to punish the poacher, except as a matter of duty, complied.

"Why did you kill papa's pheasants?" asked Lizette of the man.

"Because, mademoiselle, my mother is ill and needs dainty food. I have nothing else to give her."

"Take the birds you have shot," said the count, "and call on my butler for what else you need."

Ten years passed. France was in the throes of revolution. Each day the Paris prisons gave up a number of the crowds of aristocrats who filled them to be led out to the guillotine located in the Place de la Concorde. Paris was literally drunken with blood. As each cart was driven from the prison to the guillotine crowds of revolutionists followed, hooting and jeering the victims it contained.

One morning a cart was driven from the Conciergerie to the Place de la Concorde containing but two people, a white haired old man and his daughter, the Count de Bonneville and Lizette, the latter now a woman. As the cart was driven up to the guillotine a party near it were pouring a red liquid from a bucket into cups, drinking and singing a song in which the words wine and blood frequently occurred. Lizette held out her hands imploringly and begged them to spare her father and be content with her own life. They only hooted, and the two were taken from the cart and led up to the guillotine. Then a man in the crowd suddenly called out:

"What say you citizens? Shall the citizen save the old man by drinking with us a cup of blood?"

"No, no!" cried some of the crowd. "Spare no aristocrats." "Yes, yes," cried others. "Let her drink what we drink."

Meanwhile the man who had proposed the draft filled one of the cups with the liquid from the bucket and, handing it to Lizette, said:

"Drink with us, citizeness. Wash out the blood of an aristocrat, become a commoner, and you and your father shall go from this wearing your heads on your shoulders."

The crowd laughed and jeered and howled as if each individual were a fiend and had been dispatched by Satan to represent him at this his carnival. Several of the most violent pushed forward to stop this stay of death, but the man who held the cup waved them back with an air of authority.

"This girl is to become one of us," he said. "She will give us the hiding places of her fellow aristocrats and furnish a dozen heads for two. That's a good bargain! Six for one!"

"Drink!" he said, forcing the cup to Lizette's lips.

Lizette, with a shudder, seized it and, shutting her eyes, forced herself to drink every drop. Then she and her father were thrust into the cart and driven away, the man who had been the chief actor in the strange scene mounting the cart and taking the reins from the driver. For awhile it was doubtful whether the crowd would permit their departure, but a careful of new victims driving up, the first were forgotten for the last. Ten minutes later the man who had saved Lizette and her father ordered the driver to get down. He did so, and the man drove on till they passed the barrier where they all descended and stood a moment in the road.

"Now, M. le Comte and Mlle. de Bonneville, fly for your lives. This is the road to Boulogne. Travel by night and hide by day till you reach the coast, then take boat for England."

"Who am I to thank for our lives?" asked the count, "and why have you done this?"

"Do you remember years ago a poacher being brought before you when you sat at one end of the breakfast table and your daughter at the other?"

"No," replied the count; "I don't remember."

"It was the morning, mademoiselle, before your birthday. You chose for your gift my pardon."

"Now I remember," said Lizette. "In return I give you for your next birthday your life and the life of your father."

Lizette, her eyes swimming with grateful tears, put out her hand.

"Was it only for this that you have returned so much?"

"The count gave me the birds for my dear mother."

"All this is very little for two lives. I wonder that you remembered us."

"That morning I took an image into my heart that I shall never forget."

Lifting her hand to his lips he kissed it fervently, and, turning, jumped up on the cart and drove back to Paris.

The count and Lizette escaped to England. When they returned to France their preserver had been executed for the part he had taken in saving them.

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#### Artificial Teeth.

Artificial teeth are more generally used than ever. Dentists increase in all parts of the country and they cater for all classes of society. The whitest teeth are used for actresses and others of the theatrical profession.

#### Conceit of Modern Life.

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## CAT FEAR THE LATEST ILL.

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If you can feel a cat near you when no cat is in sight, you have the latest disease, cat fear, and you are invited by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell of Philadelphia to communicate with him, says the New York Evening Journal.

Dr. Mitchell said he had only recently begun to collect facts concerning cat fear and that he could not talk about it until his investigations had been completed. An assistant stated, however, that a list of questions had been prepared for those who have had experience with the disease.

Several cases of cat fear have come to Dr. Mitchell's notice in the last month or two. The symptoms have not always been physical fear, but it has been learned that some persons instinctively feel the presence of a cat when they do not see it. It gives them a sensation of faintness or nausea.

Dr. Mitchell thinks cats have a malign influence on persons of a certain temperament.

#### THE AUTOMOBILE.

The public sentiment in favor of restricting automobiles to race tracks especially laid out for them is steadily gaining in strength. Useful self motors are welcome in the highways, but not the racing demons. —New York Tribune.

There were 4,000,000,000 street car passengers in 1902 and but 22,000 of them hurt. The relative mortality among chauffeurs was far greater. But there is this to be said in favor of automobiling, even if you don't live as long—you have a seat while it lasts. —St. Louis Republic.

Early Translations of the Bible.

In 170 years after the death of Christ the whole Bible had been translated into Latin by some unknown writer into what is now known as the old Italian version. By the year 200 it was extant in Greek, Syriac and Latin, and by the ninth century in thirteen languages.

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## DOWIE'S NEW TEMPLE.

Imposing Features of Proposed Tabernacle For Zionists.

IT WILL SEAT SIXTEEN THOUSAND

Two Hundred Persons Can Be Baptized at Once in the Basin, Which Will Be Filled With Flowing Water Coming From a Waterfall. Building to Cost \$500,000.

John Alexander Dowie, head of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, near Chicago, has planned for his capital on the shore of Lake Michigan what he says will be the largest tabernacle in the nation devoted exclusively to the worship of God. The structure will cost half a million dollars and seat 16,000 persons. It will occupy a ground space of 330 by 340 feet and will be oriental in architecture.

Leaves of Healing, the official organ through which Mr. Dowie talks to his followers and to the world, gives the following description of the tabernacle in part:

"The great feature of the interior will, of course, be the auditorium. The construction will be in the shape of a horseshoe and must solve many, difficult problems in the arrangement of so many thousand seats, in ventilation and, most difficult of all, in acoustics. The choir gallery will be made to seat 1,600 persons. The speakers' platform is to be elliptical in shape, fifty feet long and eighteen feet wide. The seats in the choir and others' galleries will be arranged at an angle sufficient to show the face of every one distinctly to the audience. Back of the choir and in line with the center of the building a great pipe organ will be built. The organ will be so placed that the organist will face the auditorium.

"Two large galleries, in the shape of a horseshoe, will be built in such a manner that the public finding seats there will be able to see plainly the face of every one sitting on the platform. These galleries will seat about 8,400, the ground floor about 6,000, the choir and others' galleries about 1,600, giving a total seating capacity of 16,000 persons.

"Elevators will be provided at the main entrance to lift the people to these galleries. On the east side of the galleries will be four stairways, three on the south side and three on the north side; one stairway at each one of the four corners of the building and two more in the rear of the choir gallery. These sixteen stairways connect directly with the outside and as exits will be of inevitable use in emptying the vast auditorium quickly and in an orderly manner should the occasion ever require.

"The dome of the auditorium is to be constructed of steel and covered partly with glass and partly with sheet metal and at the highest point will be 160 feet from the ground floor. On the interior the dome will measure 192 feet in diameter, varying in height from 100 feet on the sides to 155 feet from the floor to the center.

"Electricity will be used in lighting the tabernacle. Thousands of incandescent lamps will be required.

"One of the most unusual and attractive features of the new Shiloh tabernacle will be the baptistry. On either side of the basement, directly under the choir gallery, robing rooms for the candidates for baptism will be arranged, on one side the women, on the other the men. Both rooms will be 70 by 58 feet in size.

"On leaving the robing room the candidates go directly to the riverlike baptistry by way of separate corridors, one for men and one for women, entirely hidden from public view until the large stairways leading into the baptistry proper are reached. Two hundred persons may be baptized at one time, and so complete will be the arrangements that 1,000 can easily be baptized in one hour.

"Candidates will enter the baptistry from one corridor and pass through another on the other side to reach their robing rooms after the ceremony.

"The baptistry basin will be twenty feet wide and sixty-five feet long. It is to be arranged with flowers and shrubbery, while the water will come from a waterfall under the speaker's platform. The water will fall in full view of the public, flow through the entire length of the baptistry and pass out of sight under the floor of the auditorium.

"The building throughout will be a harmonious and symmetrical combination of great convenience and beauty."

Studying Witchcraft Aweel. George L. Burr, professor of the department of medieval history in Cornell university, at Ithaca, N. Y., is taking a trip on a bicycle through New England in search of information on witchcraft, says the New York Tribune. For several years Professor Burr has been deeply interested in the Salem persecution of witches and similar movements in the early settlements. By visiting the places where witchcraft is said to have been practiced he expects to gain large additions to the lore in his possession.

SPIRITS TO LIVE IN PLANETS

New Theory of Evolution by Professor Moore of Columbia, Mo.

Dr. W. T. Moore, dean emeritus of the Missouri Bible college at Columbia, Mo., recently completed the manuscript of a book which will cause a sensation among theologians and scientists, says the St. Louis Republic.

Dr. Moore is a theistic evolutionist, though his new definition of evolution will be quite satisfactory even to conservatives. He traces man in his origin, history and destiny, and in the concluding chapter of the book, entitled "Death and the Other Side," he attempts to show the meaning of the numerous worlds which now roll in space without inhabitants.

Dr. Moore's theory is, in brief, that man will go on progressing through the cycles of eternity and that when he assumes his spiritual body at the resurrection he then will be prepared to inhabit some of the planets or stars which are now uninhabited.

He concludes that the infinitude of space and the almost infinitude of worlds become intelligible from his point of view. He believes that the spiritual man will be the inhabitant of all these worlds and that, as emigration from this earth is the future evolutionary process by which these worlds are to be inhabited, the inhabitants of the whole universe will be of the same family and constitute a great spiritual brotherhood for all the ages of the future.

Dr. Moore thinks that the numerous worlds now uninhabited are in a state of preparation for glorified man, as the present earth was a long time in preparation for original man. Dr. Moore is a theologian and journalist of reputation both in America and Europe. He was for many years a resident of London and is still editor of a leading religious magazine published there. His wife is president of Christian Female college at Columbia.

Paris Society Women to Wear Tiaras. The New York Herald's European edition publishes the following from its Paris correspondent:

According to the Vie Parisienne, next winter's soirees reserve a surprise in the shape of the introduction of tiaras as a headress. A number of fashionable women have resolved to introduce this style. The word tiara in French does not mean graceful jeweled circles, which is its meaning in English, but a cone shaped headress like an inverted beehive, rendered familiar by the scandal at the Louvre regarding the tiara of Saitapharnes. A well known countess has ordered one from M. Rouchemawski, the Odessa gold worker, who carved the spurious tiara of the Louvre and who is the lion of the day in the French capital.



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#### TIMELY TOPICS.

Get rich quick schemes invariably turn out to be get poor quick realities.—Chicago Chronicle.

We can stand a little water in our stocks, but public sentiment in some parts of the country is getting a little hostile to clondbursts.—New York Mail and Express.

The man who remembers that he cannot cool the outside by pouring cold stuff into his inside will get along best in the days of extreme heat.—Pittsburg Times.

Another speculator has wrecked a bank. The fact that a man speculates is sufficient indication that he is a good man to be allowed to handle his own money exclusively.—New York World.

When in this country justice shall be meted out as promptly, as impartially and as surely as it is in the English courts there will be no more lynching in the United States.—New Orleans Picayune.

#### LAW POINTS.

A statute requiring the compulsory education of children is held in State versus Bailey (Ind.), 59 L. R. A. 435, not to infringe the rights of parents.

The unauthorized publication of one's likeness by another person for advertising purposes is held in Robinson versus Rochester Folding Box company (N. Y.), 59 L. R. A. 478, not to give a right to an injunction or damages on the theory that it is an invasion of a "right of privacy."

A railroad company is held in Mabry versus City Electric Railway company (Ga.), 59 L. R. A. 599, to be liable to damages for injury to the feelings and sensibilities of a passenger caused by his wrongful expulsion from one of its cars though such passenger may not have received any physical injury thereby.

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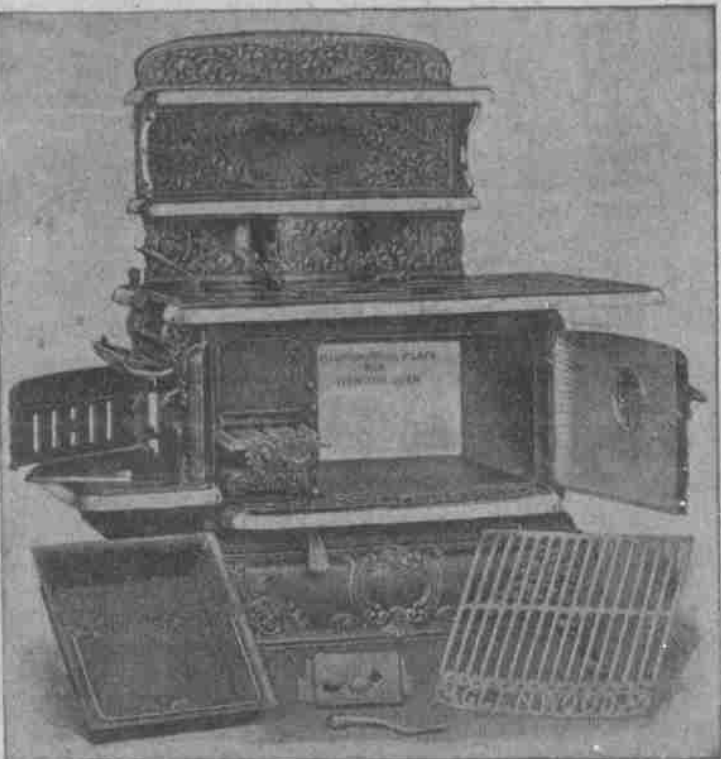
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